

## **Energy Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **June 17, 2008**

In attendance: Committee Members Gene Cordes, Robert Larson and Cheryl Rowell

Meeting started at 7:10 PM at the Fremont Town Hall

#### **❖ Old Business**

➤ **Minutes** from meeting held May 20, 2008 were accepted.

#### **➤ Building Assessment – Progress**

- Ellis School
  - Coordination of Meeting between Dawn Lewis (Elementary School Principal) and Bob Larson and Cheryl Rowell will happen after school year ends. **Cheryl will organize this.**
  - Portfolio Manager: **Cheryl will receive bills for oil and electricity for Ellis School from the SAU office.** These will be sent to the Jordan Institute to use in the Portfolio Manager software to see how the school rates. Dawn Lewis has offered to help collect the rest of the information needed.
  - Has PSNH already completed an electrical energy assessment of Ellis? PSNH has told Bob that they have started assessing the school and have talked to Scott Brown. Can this assessment be completed and when?
- Town Hall
  - PSNH is sending electricity bills to Heidi Carlson.
  - Bob has talked with several people from PSNH about assessing town buildings.
    - ◆ They will look at lighting and appliances.
    - ◆ The assessment cost is \$0.
    - ◆ They will tell the committee what needs to be done for improvement.
    - ◆ They can also bring in contractors to complete improvements.
  - **Bob will call PSNH to come in and assess town buildings.**

#### **➤ Master Plan**

- Roger has not sent his thoughts yet on the Energy Committee section to be added to the Master Plan.

- Should we set up a meeting with Clay Mitchell – he has worked with Rochester on their Master Plan and he is already meeting with the Fremont Planning Committee. Should we include someone the Jordan Institute?
- Bob will write a first draft of this document for the Master Plan and will email to the other Energy Comm. Members and he will copy the Planning Board
  - Proposed contents include general comments on purpose, goals and eventually the State of NH goals will be added (when they are in place).

## ❖ **New Business/Discussion**

### ➤ **Warrant Articles**

- If the energy committee wanted to ask the town to make improvements on a town building it is thought that the article would need to be submitted by November.

### ➤ **Grants**

- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund ([www.grassrootsfund.org](http://www.grassrootsfund.org))
  - The Small Grants Program provides grants up to \$2,500 to fund community involvement in projects that address a wide range of environmental issues including: agriculture, air quality, alternative energy, aquifer protection, biotechnology, community gardens, environmental justice, energy conservation, forestry, global warming, land trusts, marine environment, public health, sprawl, sustainable communities, toxics and hazardous waste, trails, water quality, watershed management, wetlands, wildlife, and youth-organized environmental work
  - NEGEF was created to assist groups who are not being reached by traditional funders. The Fund's Goals are to:
    - ◆ Increase civic engagement, volunteerism, emerging leaders and community initiatives that create healthy, just, safe and environmentally sustainable communities at the neighborhood and town level in New England.
    - ◆ Help community leaders move single issue, backyard debates to positive, inclusive, systemic, constructive, and lasting community solutions.
    - ◆ Link community-based advocacy with the work of statewide and national organizations without losing local identity.
    - ◆ Establish and maintain informed networks of activists across the region that are committed to building a just and equitable society.

- Should the committee apply for this grant?
- Deadline is Sept. 15th
- The grant money can be used to hire someone to help with the infrastructure of the committee
- Prior to the next Energy Comm. meeting think about the grant and the goals of this committee.

➤ **Information for Town**

- Create contact information for anything relevant for energy savings. Committee would like to have the information available at the library and on the website. For ex. Energy Audit contacts at PSNH (contact is Julia) and NHEC, gas company audits, Raymond transfer station (will take waste from Fremont there), actual savings cost from light bulbs and disposal places, (Ace Hardware in Raymond).
- Newsletter Article – local success stories

➤ **Miscellaneous**

- TD Banknorth will give us a tour of their green facility. Time will most likely be a Sat. morning. Contact there is Jennifer Adams.
- **Gene will contact Minister Ev Kuder from the Methodist Church and invite him to our next meeting.** This may help us increase community involvement.
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❖ **Meeting adjourned**

- ~8:45 PM. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 7 PM at the Fremont Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rowell